

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Science Advisory Board

Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Open Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that four committees/subcommittees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office - information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EEAC)

The Environmental Economic Advisory Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on November 18, 1998, from 9:00 am to no later than 4:00 pm at the Ramada Hotel Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; telephone (703) 683-6000. This meeting is open to the public, however, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come basis. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to continue the review the economic analysis guidelines being developed by the Environmental Protection Agency. The agency will also

discuss their possible role in the resumption of the Pollution Abatement and Control Expenditures (PACE) survey.

Background Information on Economic Analysis Guidelines- The Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC or the Committee) has been asked to review the revised *Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses*, a document produced under the direction of the EPA's Regulatory Policy Council. The guidelines are designed to reflect Agency policy on the conduct of the economic analyses called for under applicable legislative and administrative requirements, including, but not limited to Executive Order 12866. These guidelines are intended to provide EPA analysts with a concise but thorough treatment of mainstream thinking on important technical issues to help them conduct credible and consistent economic analyses. They refer to methods and practices commonly accepted in the environmental economics profession; however, they are not intended to preclude new or innovative forms of analysis. The guidelines are shaped by administrative and statutory requirements that contain direct references to the development of economic information during the development of regulations.

This will be the second review meeting for the guidelines. The EEAC was first briefed on the draft guidelines at its August 19, 1998 meeting. At that meeting, the Agency presented information on, and then discussed with EEAC members, each section of the draft guidelines. The Agency has made a number of adjustments to its draft document since the August meeting (63 Federal Register 41820-41823 August 5, 1998).

Charge to the Committee: Please refer to 63 Federal Register 41820-41823 August 5, 1998 for the Charge.

For Further Information - Single copies of the guidelines information provided to the Committee can be obtained by contacting Dr. Brett Snyder, Director, Economy and Environment Division, Office of Policy (2172), 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-5610, fax (202) 260-2685, or via E-Mail at: snyder.brett@epa.gov. A copy of the draft agenda is available from Ms. Dorothy Clark at (202) 260-6555; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via E-Mail at clark.dorothy@epa.gov. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Officer for the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee, in writing no later than 4:00 pm, November 11, 1998, at U. S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400), 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460, fax (202) 260-7118, or via E-Mail at: miller.tom@epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. To discuss technical aspects of the meeting, please contact Mr. Miller by telephone at (202) 260-5886.

PROVIDING ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMENTS AT SAB MEETINGS

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will

not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in *The Annual Report of the Staff Director* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-4126 or via fax at (202) 260-1889. Individuals requiring special accommodation at SAB meetings, including wheelchair access, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Date

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